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Will Hitler-killers escape punishment?

THE GERMANS DIVIDED OVER NAZI CRIMES

ARAB WEST BANK SEEMS CALM ON THE SURFACE

Jericho, Israeli-Occupied Jordan.- Nearly two years after the establishment of Israeli authority over the wide swath of Judea and Samaria on the west bank of the Jordan River, a surface stability is coming to the area's 600,000 Arabs, observes Tad Szulc of the New York Times.

The economic situation is improving slightly, contacts between Israelis and Arabs are increasing slowly and the inhabitants are resisting less visibly than many expected when the Israelis seized the area in the war of June, 1967.

But tensions persist - with deep and sullen resentment of the Arabs against the Israeli occupiers, occasional public demonstrations, almost nightly clashes of Israeli patrols with the guerrillas infiltrating from Jordan, and acts of terrorism.

About 30 guerillas have been killed in recent days along the Jordan river and in the caves, gullies and wadis of the west bank. As far as is known, only one band -- seven or eight men -- still operates on the west bank, firing at passing vehicles and laying mines. The group is somewhere in the vicinity of Hebron and the Israelis have been after it for eight weeks.

A SURFACE OF PEACE

Throughout, the west bank Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah Nablus and the rest of the 22 the municipalities in the area -- the visitor finds surface peace.

Here, in Jericho, says Szulc, in the quiet rose gardens of the al-Khavam Park restaurant, for example, the traveler is reminded that war and tension are just around the corner only by the occasional sight of Israeli Army vehicles patrolling the road to Allenby Bridge, one of the two open crossing points between Israel and Jordan.

When terrorists or arms are found in an Arab house, the Israelis often blow it up. Preventive arrests account, according to Israeli military government officers, for 1,200 persons detained in west bank prisons. But Arab sources say the total is higher and that many west bank Arabs are in prisons in Israel proper.

Terrorists have been sentenced to maximum terms of 30 years to life in prison. Another preventive measure is deportation to Jordan, and the Israeli authorities admit that about 30 persons, including some Arab notables, have been expelled.

But Israelis say punishment is not applied to those whose opposition is only vocal. They say most school demonstrators are released almost immediately.

Shading defines occupied west bank of Jordan River.

ARABS MAINTAIN HOPES

The Arabs hope, and apparently believe, that through an outside political settlement or military action the Israeli occupation will end before very long. The Israelis, on the other hand, are determined to remain on the west bank for security until a guaranteed peace treaty is signed with the Arab countries.

This state of affairs has produced a situation in which the west bank Arabs welcome the guerrilla incursions, but assist the raiders and their local underground allies only covertly to avert direct Israeli reprisals and avoid the adverse impact on their livelihoods that stems from curfews and other security measures.

Officers of the Judea and Samaria military government are confident that the danger posed by the armed infiltrators and underground cells is controllable. But all the available resources are used by the military government to assure that this is so.

But along with the security measures there are attempts at dialogue and cooperation. Arab spokesmen and the Israelis, however, differ on how successful these contacts are.

The Arabs stress that most of the lawyers and many judges refuse to serve in courts.

ISRAELI VIEW DIFFERS

An Israeli official said that the degree of quiet cooperation was greater than the Arabs admit, that much of the legal business was transacted by the ostensibly striking lawyers through a few who are willing to work.

Seeking to maintain the civil administration as intact as possible, Israeli authorities have named new mayors in west bank towns only in two instances of the death of the incumbents. However, in Nablus, a traditional trouble spot, the mayor was forced to resign because he was accused of being too pro-Israeli by his constituents and the occupation officials now deal with an acting mayor.

Most civil servants remain in their posts, except postal officials.

From day to day, Israel and the west bank Arabs find they must get along if the region is to survive economically.

DETERMINED NAZI CRIMINALS WILL NOT ESCAPE PUNISHMENT.- Former Justice Minister of Germany and President-Elect, Dr. Gustav Heinemann, who drafted the bill to abolish the Statute of Limitations, thus trying all Nazi criminals still loose.

SOCIALISTS IN BONN CONTINUE FIGHT

exclusive Canadian Jewish News report

M. J. Nurenberger cables from Bonn: Will the West German Government really abolish the Statute of Limitations which would put an end to the persecution of Hitlerite criminals, January 1, 1970?

Now that the Cabinet in Bonn officially announced it will eliminate this law, there is hope that Nazi criminals will not be able to escape prosecution. Yet there is hope only. For the decision announced recently in the capital of West Germany is NOT the bill drafted by former Justice Minister of Germany and President-Elect, Dr. Gustav Heinemann.

Wanted to erase Cain image

The story of the Statute of Limitations is one of trial and little error. In 1945 this German twenty-year statute had been extended to another five years. But before its expiration Heinemann launched the gallant fight for its abolition.

Throughout the world all friends of German democracy followed this struggle for erasing the Cain image from the German people by punishing the guilty. Within the Cabinet ALL Socialist ministers and at least one Christian-Democrat, Interior Minister Benda, supported him.

New bill incomplete

However, this is an election year in West Germany and the new bill, presented to the Cabinet by the new Minister of Justice, Professor Ehmke, also a Socialist, was fought by some Christian-Democrats. Thus it was watered down to include only what is called here Exzesstaeter (excessists, real criminals).

The principle, however, was adopted. If the Socialists persevere, the decision to abolish the Statute of Limitations will stand.

Prosecution must go on

One German official told the Canadian Jewish News editor last week: Germany will definitely continue to prosecute the guilty of Hitler's heinous crimes.

A leading German newspaper commented thus: The Germans MUST know these were crimes against humanity...When the bill comes before Parliament, no one should dare water it down... Germany's future stands and falls with its final decision.

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We shall see soon whether democracy will win this test in Bonn.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF CONCENTRATION CAMP

Frankfurt.- Werner Ventzki, 62, the Nazi Mayor of Lodz, Poland, for two years during the Second World War told a court here last week that he knew nothing about the extermination of the 140,000 Jews incarcerated in the Lodz Ghetto until the end of the war.

Now an official of the Ministry for Refugees and Expellees in Bonn, Ventzki appeared as a witness in the retrial of two former S.S. officers, Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche, for complicity in the mass murder of Jews in Hungary.

After questioning by the presiding judge, Ventzki said he had known there was a high death rate in the ghetto and that its inmates suffered from malnutrition.

However, he denied that he had known until the end of the war that there was an extermination camp at Chelmno, only some 30 miles from Lodz, and that many thousands of Lodz Jews had been killed there.

NATIONAL SOCIALIST ORDER BANNED

Hamburg.- The League of German National Socialists, which held its inaugural meeting here last Friday, now is banned by Herr Ernst Benda, Minister of Interior, as an undemocratic and unconstitutional private group set up in an attempt to undermine the legal order of the state. The group was founded by Wolf Dieter Eckart, an engineer, and it planned its political program based on Hitler's infamous book, Mein Kampf.

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

POMPIDOU--WHAT NEXT?

Paris. Now that Georges Pompidou, the crown prince, may become king, questions arising within the French capital are: Will he change the foreign policy? If so, how much of it will be changed? And, last but not least, how soon?

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Pompidou is clever, brilliant, an intellectual. He is a man of letters--and a banker. As a financier he worked for Rothschild.

De Gaulle, himself a master of French prose, loved Pompidou's style in writing--the concise, exact phraseology and his adroitness in sidestepping controversial issues.

Moreover, in a way Pompidou is handsome. He appeals to French women as UN HOMME. I watched him when he arrived at National Assembly building the day he rallied all De Gaullist deputies to support his candidacy for president. He smiled to the crowd and waved, not unlike any American politician.

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Because Pompidou IS clever, he knows he will succeed only with all Gaullists supporting him--including the influential Gérard d'Estaing dissenters' group.

He also will make it because the anti-Gaullist forces are split. There is no united opposition.

Thus, since Pompidou is intelligent, he must compromise; he must appease the many within the Gaullist ranks who had opposed the General's policy on Israel.

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Now the French press admits the embargo against Israel was the MOST UNPOPULAR De Gaulle-action in the field of foreign affairs.

Fifty Mirage fighters have been built by Dassault which are sitting at the Bordeaux plant. French public opinion wants them dispatched to Israel. Many Gaullists now wonder what Pompidou will do with them.

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Le Monde, the most influential French newspaper close to pro-Arab premier Couve de Murville, thus explains the situation editorially:

"...The new President will have to face a crucial test--that of relations with Israel and the Arab world.

"The successor to General De Gaulle will not be able to ignore the fact that a great number of the NOs came from French citizens, Jews and non-Jews, who were shocked by the embargo against delivery of arms to Israel."

The newspaper, supporting de Murville, then endeavors to imply that the French Government, despite De Gaulle, tried to look the other way, even under the General, by allowing some "accommodation" for parts--but one also must understand Arab "restlessness"...

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I am assured that the friends of Israel--Jew and non-Jewish---will not permit Pompidou to sidestep this issue should he even want to. It seems to me the change will come sooner than many think. Pompidou, if elected, will have to govern with the party. He cannot dictate policy as had De Gaulle. And politically de Murville now is a dead duck.

WHO DEFEATED DE GAULLE?
LITTLE COHN-BENDIT
FRENCH GROW WEARY OF GREATNESS

by P. Viansson—Ponte, political editor of the French newspaper Le Monde

Suicide or murder? Both. Suicide because no one, even among his Ministers, really wanted this referendum which has just proved fatal to de Gaulle, because he alone against allcomers insisted on asking the French to say Yes to him for the fifth time in 10 years and a half. He played Russian roulette and he lost.

But murder, too, because the General died politically on Sunday from the wounds he received last May on the barricades of the Latin Quarter. The murderer's name is known: Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

It is doubly absurd. The legendary figure, so sure of himself, had since June 18, 1940, one infallible weapon: the spoken word. One message brought about the fall, or birth, of a regime, one speech raised up, or flattened, the Algiers barricades, called forth, or quelled, the putsch of the rebellious generals. One press conference set Europe on its ears, or angered the whole world.

In that mad spring of 1968, four minutes of speech were enough to reverse a situation that seemed almost hopeless and to beget Gaullism's greatest electorial triumph. Yet this triumph was deceptive: the French had voted for order, not for de Gaulle, as he has now realized -- but too late. The magic of the word has failed to work, for nearly a year the spell had been broken and all that remained was to consummate the divorce.

As for the other absurdity, it is more dreadful still. The historic figure, the last survivor of the great men of the Second World War, the guide, the father, ridiculed, flouted, and finally overthrown by a catapult-shot from a little German-Jewish redhead, 24 years old, and his little friends, the "enragés". Even among his opponents, even among those who campaigned relentlessly for the No, even among those Frenchmen who could no longer stand his self-assurance and his pride, many felt a sudden pang when they thought of him on Sunday night. Thirty years on the stage, sometimes in the glare of the footlights, sometimes in silhouette, 11 years of absolutism, long tempered by his own resolve, later by anarchy, and then this exit lacking greatness, the one word for ever in his mouth and in his heart.

POLITICAL STABILITY

Everything is absurd in this affair. For, in the balance-sheet, there are some major credit items that will remain valid whatever happens: peace in Algeria and decolonization, which had been fatal for the previous regime; the successful and peaceful integration of the "pieds-noirs" into metropolitan France; the demonstration that political stability of a sort is possible without dictatorship and that there can be a majority and a minority in this elusive and shifting country.

There are other half-successes which lasted only a while and are already turning to failure or at least to great risks: for example, the monetary recovery which was gravely jeopardized last year; a hazardous foreign policy, irritating and somewhat incoherent, which nonetheless did not spoil a far better brand image for Franch outside her frontiers; a costly and unfinished system of nuclear defense, compensated by taking politics out of the army which it is to be hoped will prove lasting.

The mistakes too remain, and first among them a European policy both hollow and distrustful; or practices which are, alas, not new, but no less bad for that, and have been very deeply implanted, such as the unscrupulous and unfailing use of all the armoury of public authority and most of all of television, for the propaganda advantage of one's party. And those musty odors -- nationalist, chauvinistic, xenophobic -- which trail like nostalgic longings behind the key-word: independence.

AILING FRANC

After the balance-sheet, the inventory. It is much less favorable, indeed it is clearly negative. Nothing is settled, nothing really. The franc is ailing and the spectre of devaluation awaits its hour. The famous "participation" in all its promised forms has not even begun to be put into practice, be it regionalized, a good idea in itself, shelved, doubtless, for a long time to come; be it the association of wageearners in the management of firms; or be it university reform, already in jeopardy though only recently broached. Public order is fragile and on Sunday night its defenders were already showing more brutality than skill. The country's institutions can hardly be excellent since the Bill proposed in the referendum was to have modified more than a third of the articles in the constitution.

The succession opens with no named legatee, no testament and the avidity of the heirs -- presumptive or presumptuous -- who have been waiting 10 years and longer for this moment, is going to be an unappetizing spectacle during the next few weeks.

For these perils and these eyesores there is only one compensating factor, but it is a major one: the absolute refusal of the overwhelming majority of the French to let their country float downstream on a tide of disorder and confusion.

It is often said that France is a country which has a revolution now and then but never a reform. She has, indeed, just refused some reforms, but it is obvious that she has no desire for revolution. Remember the time during a period of 17 days when everyone -- army, police and administration alike -- had stopped obeying the political authorities, when the Algerian war was at its peak and seemed insoluble, when the franc was at rock bottom and the economy in full disintegration, nothing happened: not a clash, not an injury, not an incident, nothing more than shouts and threats? An entire people was walking as if on eggs and holding its breath, waiting for de Gaulle.

In 1958, the detonators did not work, but they were there, and at any moment there might have been a general explosion. In 1968 a little tear gas, a few paving stones and some black flags were enough to bring the whole country out on strike and make it ring with two terrible little words: civil war. The warning was heard: that was clearly shown by the June elections. And today, as 11 years ago, France has in reserve a providential figure as jovial -- in outward appearance -- and as simple as the old general was haughty and prestigious. He is the one who stood firm during last year's tempest even when de Gaulle had disappeared -- Georges Pompidou.

He has not yet won. He still has a hard battle in front of him, but he has every chance. He is ready. He has been waiting for four years, ever since de Gaulle played cat and mouse with him in 1965, sometimes pulling him into the foreground at his side, sometimes pushing him back into the second place.) He feels he could win.

The opinion polls, the voice of the people, the psephologists and the leaders on all sides, even if they are careful not to admit it, even if they are preparing to fight him tooth and nail, see him no longer as The Dauphine but as the probable heir. The Gaullists have every reason to close their ranks about him: divided they would lose the next battle too, and then no doubt the final round, since in that case the assembly would have to be dissolved. For those who were waiting on the edges of the majority, but outside it, this is the chance to cash in their support under the name of reconciliation.

M. Pompidou relies both on the versatility and on the cartesian logic of his countrymen. They are versatile, for it would not be difficult to find some of them who already regret having voted no and will not be afraid to contradict themselves at the presidential election in a month's time.

FILLING THE GAP

But they are logical, too, for a fraction of the noes, difficult to estimate but certainly enough to make up the narrow margin of the majority, were meant only for the General and were in fact yeses for Pompidou. Each time that a referendum, under the Fifth Republic, has been coupled with an election, the two votes have cancelled each other: to many yeses in September, 1968, no Gaullist majority in the chamber elected in November; not enough yeses in October, 1962 -- an absolute majority in the elections of November. It is the rule.

Will it be verified once again? From Colombey, the old man who was so recently worshipped, and is now more pitied than detested, remains as icily alone as ever, writing the fourth volume of his memoirs, he will continue to invoke France while despising the French. Little men are going to try and nil the big gap he has left, with little methods and no doubt also with little mistakes. Greatness is fine, but also tiring. This is the real key to the affair: the French were weary of greatness, weary of challenges and alarms. That is not a state of mind which presages violence and civil war. Nor is it a propitious climate for a real and complete reversal of a political situation.

Danish government criticized

Copenhagen (JCNS).- A Danish government allocation of more than $3 million to Egypt as part of the relief for underdeveloped countries has caused some mixed feelings in Denmark where some people are asking, "What are you doing for Israel?"

There also are negotiations to sell 100 electric cars to Egypt for use in Alexandria.

The Israeli embassy in Copenhagen has issued an official handbook in English about Israel in which all the maps are marked with the armistice frontiers from 1967, without any visible difference between the former frontiers and the present, occupied zone borders.

BOATS CAN'T SAIL

Tel Aviv.- Israel will not permit United Nations boats to sail on the Suez Canal unless Israeli shipping also is allowed to use the Suez waters. This is in return for U Thant's recommendations.

Israel is not likely to accept measures limiting her freedom of action on the Canal, such as the presence of UN helicopters to extricate observers under attack when other means of transport is ineffective.

HONOR WELL DESERVED.- Charles R. Bronfman, whose initiative and perseverance helped bring major league baseball to Montreal and Canada for the first time, has been chosen Sportsman of the Year in the annual selection conducted by the Montreal Sports Lodge of B'nai B'rith. A testimonial dinner in his honor will be given this coming Monday at the Hotel Bonaventure, with proceeds going to the various charitable projects of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Bronfman also is well known for his role in the Canadian Open Golf Championship, the fifth highest ranking tournament in the world. The House of Seagram of which he is president has cosponsored the National Championship with the Royal Canadian Golf Association since 1936.

'QUIZ KIDS' RELIGIOUS

by Susan Bellos

Jerusalem.- "My family isn't particularly religious, but I am, and I decided by myself to go to an orthodox girls' high school instead of a regular public school," 17-year-old Leonore Luba of the U.S. remarked. She is one of the 26 participants in the World Bible Contest for Jewish Youth which took place in Beit Ha'am.

All 23 overseas participants consider themselves religious though this ranges from "orthodox" to "just traditional." This year there was a record number of 14 to 18-year-olds and almost all from abroad declared firm intentions to come on aliya, or at least to come for a year of study.

Leonore, who speaks fluent Hebrew, says that she doesn't feel at all restricted in her choice of school, which is run by the Lubavitch Hassidim, since "I get plenty of social activity outside and I couldn't study Bible and Judaism, which I love, in an ordinary school." Her only objection is the uniform -- "terrible, with long grey skirts. But the less religious girls roll them up."

Yitzhak Sagroun is also 17, speaks excellent Hebrew which he learned in France and his native Tunisia. He would like to study maths and physics at the Hebrew University, and his family, which includes five brothers and two sisters, is planning to immigrate next year.

ADDRESSED BIBLE CONTEST WINNERS.- Stephen E. Berger, chairman, Toronto Board of Jewish Education, who spoke to local Bible contest winners at a recently held awards-distributing ceremony. Said Mr. Berger, in part: "These young people, through their study of Bible and Judaica, send their roots deeply into the fertile soil of the knowledge of their ancestors, to anchor their existence and make them secure in a world which seems to have lost its bearings."

Stephen Shaul of Toronto, who represents Canada in the final contest in Jerusalem, is among the orthodox youth.

David Rabinovich would also like to study in Israel but meanwhile has won an exhibition in mathematics at Clare College, Cambridge. He is extremely interested in Israel and insisted on being interviewed in Hebrew. David, who is 17, comes from a Hassidic family and in addition to his other abilities speaks and writes Russian. He came first in a Bible contest in which most Jewish youth groups in Britain were represented.

Representing Dublin's 3,000 Jewish population is 15-year-old Maurice Fine who would like to immigrate very much indeed. He feels that "only in Israel can a Jew live really as a Jew. Nobody looks at you when you walk down the street in a yarmulke as they do in Dublin." Though his family is religious, Maurice said that his father seemed to be embarrassed when his son wore a yarmulke in the streets "though of course I wear a hat."

Leon Levkovich, born in Vienna where his father owns a textile shop, also wants to come to Israel. "Though there is no official anti-Semitism, it's not easy for religious Jewish youth. For example there's only one kosher restaurant in Vienna." Leon would like to study electronics at the Hebrew University.

The youngest contestant is an Israeli, 14-year-old Naom Zohar. Israel's current champion is 17-year-old Dvora Ohion who has taken part in no fewer than five previous contests.

THE LIVING COMMUNITY

CROSS SECTION OF ISRAEL BONDS INAUGURAL MEETING.-The following leaders of Toronto's Jewish community recently attended a Board of Governors meeting of the Toronto State of Israel Bonds, endorsing plans for full mobilization of community resources in the 1969 campaign: (top photo, left to right) Nathan O. Hurwich, chairman of synagogues, Conservative division; Mrs. Morris Zweig, honorary chairman, Women's Division; Dr. Norman Shaul, chairman of synagogues, Orthodox division; Harry Frank, chairman, executive committee; Alex Rubin, general Campaign cochairman; Lord Edwin Samuel, guest speaker; Max Shecter, chairman, Board of Governors; Albert I. Lipton, executive director, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto; Mrs. Irving Sussman, immediate past chairman, Women's Division; Irving Sussman, chairman of synagogues, Reform congregations; Hy Lampert, chairman, Jerusalem Guardians, National Honorary Societies of Israel; Irwin Frohman, chairman of Builders, Nat. Hon. Societies of Israel.

Photo, second from top, left side of table right to left: Rabbi Joseph H. Kelman; Nathan Arback; Ben Noy; Joseph Kates; Jack Katz; Stephen Berger; Louis Fenkell; Marvin Elkins; Harry Pearlstein; Mrs. Max Rotenberg. Right side, right to left: Moishe Cohen; Jack Weinberger; Jack Bluestein; Irv Newman; Bernard Abrams; Milton Miller; Mike Rogow; Dov Parshan; Maurice Boyman.

Center photo right top row, left to right: Mark A. Levy; Mrs. Mark A. Levy; Lou Soupcoff; Adolf Goldberg; Jack Sturner; Barney Miller; Manny Swadron; Harry Botnick; Isaac Aufgang; Benno F. Hahn; Dr. Jerome Giblon. Bottom row, left to right: Henry Rosenberg; Ben Fish; Ben A. Himel; Mrs. Hyman Sugar; Mrs. Max Glassman; Mrs. Charles Appel; Arthur Harris; Dr. L. J. Genesove; Morris Flicht; Bill Coldoff.

Bottom photo, top right row left to right: Hy Lampert; Irwin Frohman; Dave Green; Herb Breen; Harry Sturner; Charles Rich; Sam Camelgar; Meyer Mandel; Sam Yacabovich; Jack Nightingale; Lou Buchwalter; Lazar Lifschitz; (Max Aiken, absent). Bottom row, left to right: Mel Goodman; Samuel Black, Nathan Sokol; Frank Silverberg; Jack Ross; Jack Barkin; Harry Barkin; Fred Ganz; Mike Ganz; Harry Grossman.

A gala Twenty-First Anniversary Dinner is being arranged for Wednesday evening, June 11th, at the Inn on the Park.

TRONTO SYNAGOGUES and ORGANIZATIONS

ONEG SHABBAT

B'nai Israel Beth David held its annual Oneg Shabbat service in honor of Israel Independence Day and Mothers Day last week. Also a farewell was extended to members of the congregation and friends who left on May 4th on a tour for Israel organized by Melvern Katzman.

YOUTH MINYAN

Youth Minyan of Shaarei Tefillah: Laining -- Ralph Rubenstein; Brian Weinberg; Leslie Rosenthal; Emmanuel Pellach; David Magder; Arthur Rosenzweig; Sandy Spiegel; David Rosenzweig; Zale Newman. Davening: Eli Weinberg; Brian Weinberg.

JUBILEE

The Central Region of JIAS recently marked its 50th anniversary at a dinner meeting. The Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, was guest speaker. John Hirsh, associate artistic director of Stratford Festival, spoke of his experiences as an immigrant and his association with and devotion to Canada as a land of freedom and opportunity. Other speakers: the Hon. Allan Grossman, Minister of Reform Institutions of Ontario; Louis Orenstein, representing JIAS, Eastern Region.

Wolfe D. Goodman, president, paid special tribute to all past presidents: Dr. I.L. Atkins; Dr. Abraham Brody; Joseph Doran; Josef Fleischmann; J.B. Goldbar; John A. Geller, Q.C.; the Hon. Allan Grossman; Louis Herman, Q.C.; Jack Shindman; Morris Simpson; Saul Sigler; H. Max Swartz, Q.C.

New officers: Dr. Martin G. Wolfish, president; Morris Adams and Joseph Starkman, vice presidents; Charles Kent, treasurer.

AWARD DINNER

Beth Sholom Brotherhood tendered its nineteenth annual award dinner in honor of Sen. Paul Martin, Wednesday, May 7th.

DISCUSS REORGANIZATION

A discussion on the proposal concerning the reorganization of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada took place recently at a meeting of the ZOC, Central Division, Regional Executive Board and National Administrative Council under the chairmanship of Daniel Monson.

MEETING

A meeting of the top leadership of the Peterborough Jewish community was held recently at the home of the community's campaign chairman, Frank Fishman.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Yehuda Noy, executive director, Zionist Organization and Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, Central Division, was keynote speaker at the St. Catharines communitywide celebration of Israel's 21st anniversary of independence. The celebration was held at B'nai Israel Congregation recently with the participation of Cantor E. Kershblum of Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation.

CONCERT

The annual Ezra-Kadima concert will be presented by the Toronto Council of Hazanim on Wednesday evening June 4th at Beth Emeth Synagogue, as was announced by Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, president of the Council. Featured will be: Cantor Jacob Barkin, Holy Blossom Temple; Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum and the Adath Israel Choir; Cantor Harold Klein and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Choir; Cantor Ephraim F. Rosenberg and the Beth Sholom Choir; Rotary School Choir for Retarded Children. Accompanist: Sara Barkin Sandler.

TO RECEIVE CITATION

Max Stein, president of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton, will receive a special citation for his many years of service to the Jewish community, Wednesday evening May 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goldblatt of that city. This was announced by Jordan Livingston, chairman, Jewish Theological Seminary Committee of Beth Jacob.

This is Stein's ninth year as president of the synagogue. He also is a member of the executive committee of the National Council of the United Synagogue of America, member of the Board of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Hamilton, member of the Baycrest Hospital in Toronto. He also is a past honoree at the Negev Dinner by the Jewish National Fund in Hamilton.

Dr. Max Arzt, Vice Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America will deliver the main address.

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Mr. Shields, a native Torontonian, is past president of the North York Secondary School Boys' Athletic Association and secretary of the North York Vice Principals' Association.

WARSAW GIRL STUDENTS TRIED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

London (JCNS) Three more students, girls this time, went on trial in Warsaw last week in connection with the student demonstrations at Warsaw University in March, 1968.

The immediate reaction of the Polish authorities at the time was the institution of a strong anti-Jewish campaign throughout the country.

Irena Lasota and Irena Grudzinski, two of the students now on trial, are Jewish. The third, Terwsa Bogucky, is not.

Miss Grudzinski is a daughter of a former Deputy Minister of Forestry, Jan Grudzinski, dismissed for being a Jew in the spring of 1968.

Like other Jewish students already convicted as "ringleaders" of the student demonstrations, the girl students have been charged under Paragraph 36 of the minor penal code. This deals with "crimes (which are) particularly menacing during the period of State reconstruction" and "belonging to an anti-State organization".

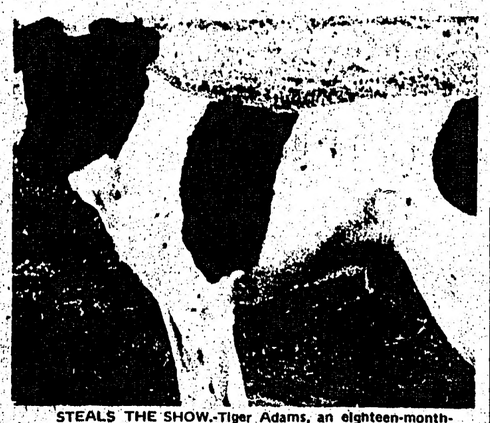
The public prosecutor referred to them as "the mainsprings of the demonstrations at the universities."

Meanwhile "Prawo i Zycie" ("Law and Life"), a periodical dominated by Gomulka's chief rival and the man who instigated the anti-Jewish campaign, Mieczyslaw Moczar, has conceded that two of the Jewish students convicted in earlier trials as "ringleaders" of the 1968 student disturbances were not motivated by any anti-State considerations.

The periodical, analyzing the trial of Adam Michnik and Henryk Szlajfer, said that they had had "no direct intent to harm the Polish People's Republic."

NEW PRESIDENT

Tel Aviv (JCNS).- Dr. Albert Sabin, 62, American father of the anti-polio oral vaccine, has been elected unanimously President of the Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, in succession to Myer Weisgal. Dr. Sabin, a professor in Cincinnati, is settling in Rehovot and will take up his new office in the autumn.



STEALS THE SHOW.-Tiger Adams, an eighteen-month-old pedigreed fox terrier and scene stealer of, Australian Wild Life and Color Film, being shown May 10, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31 at Toronto's Eaton Auditorium.

Participants of this Northern Safari film, in color, are all Australians.

WIDOWS OF THOSE SUNK MAY MARRY

Haifa.- Women left as agunot (wives whose husbands have disappeared but whose death is not certain and therefore cannot remarry) by the sinking of the ship Hashlosha two years ago will be able to remarry according to a decision of the Rabbinical Court here.

The court based its decision on the fact that an immediate search was conducted for the lost men after the ship sank; also no person could have been saved in the high waves in the sea at the time. It therefore considered that the halakhic principle - that the wife of a man who is lost "in waters that have no end" may not remarry - did not apply.

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CANADA-NATO

In a democracy one must accept a majority-decision and the policy adopted by a democratically elected government. Yet while the explanation of the resignation from the Cabinet of Transport Minister Paul Hellyer still is given officially as that of housing policy, many remain unconvinced.

We all know that Prime Minister Trudeau's decision to "phase out" slowly from the West's defense-positions in Western Europe was NOT approved unanimously by the Cabinet. We also know it had not been originally supported by the Minister for External Affairs. Furthermore in Western Europe the press agrees with Opposition Leader Stanfield that Canada's slow withdrawal from NATO may be a manifestation of Ottawa's "neutrality" or isolationism.

Is it too late to ask whether the weakening of NATO truly is in the interest of the peoples living on the North American continent?

ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE U.S. PHANTOMS SOON

Washington.- Israeli air and ground crews now are receiving special training in the United States in the handling of the 50 Phantom jet aircraft ordered from here and "many of the Phantoms will be in service, hopefully, before the end of 1969."

This was stated by Representative Gerald R. Ford, Democratic leader in Congress, speaking last week at the two-day national policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, at which 44 Senators and 170 Congressmen presented Israel with a "Declaration for Peace in the Middle East."

The declaration called on the American Government to "make it clear to all governments in the Middle East that we do not condone a state of war, and that we persist in the search for a negotiated and contractual peace as a major goal of U.S. policy."

The declaration opposed "any attempts by outside powers to impose halfway measures not conducive to a permanent peace" and urged that, to ensure direct negotiations and a contractual peace settlement, the U.S. should "oppose all pressures on Israel to withdraw prematurely and unconditionally from any of the territories which Israel now administers."

Representative Ford, stating that he could not "conceive of a situation in which the U.S. Administration will sell Israel down the Nile," was convinced that America would not seek to impose a settlement as a result of the present Four Power talks.

Israel's Ambassador, Itzhak Rabin told the conference that the Four Powers might try to impose a political arrangement or a political settlement, but these did not add up to peace. "They are palliatives for peace and preserve the roots of the conflict intact and enshrine the seeds for future war."

Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, told the 400 delegates that there would be no attempt to bargain away the security of any State in the Middle East and that no plan would be imposed on the region.

It was U.S. hope that the Four Power talks would find a way to strengthen the future efforts of the Jarring mission. "This is a delicate and difficult task. We realize that common ground between the major parties cannot be achieved overnight, and indeed may not be achieved at all," he said.

"We are under no illusion that a dispute which has proved intractable for over twenty years will suddenly be made more tractable because of major power discussions. This group can probe formulas to reconcile issues, but no formula will work without the agreement and cooperation of the parties.

"Whether common positions which would be conveyed through Jarring can be achieved, only time and patient discussions can tell. For our part, we feel that the need for permanent peace is compelling," Sisco concluded.

ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

You recently stated that the daughter of a Jewish mother and non-Jewish father has the full status of a Jewess. Why then should it be otherwise in the case of a non-Jewish mother and Jewish father?

The Liberal movement in this country holds that, indeed, there is no logic in the traditional distinction and therefore admits as a Jew the child of a mixed marriage whichever parent is Jewish. Orthodoxy and Reform follow the tradition as taught in the rabbinic literature. This is based on the verse: "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son. . . . For he will turn thy son from following Me. . . ." (*Deuteronomy 7, 3-4.*) The rabbinic interpretation is that *he* (i.e., the Gentile husband of thy daughter) will turn *thy* son (i.e., his child from thy daughter) from following Me. Hence it follows that the child of a Gentile father and Jewish mother is Jewish but not the child of a Gentile mother and Jewish father.

Obviously something more is involved in this very ancient tradition than a formal interpretation of Scriptural verses. It is the mother who gives birth to the child so that her status, not that of the father, is the determining factor. Moreover, it is possible to know for certain who the mother of a child is and not so certainly who is the father. Consequently, it has been suggested, this becomes the factor of determination even when the paternity of the child is not in doubt. Traditional Jews have tended to see in the distinction the importance Judaism attaches to the role of the mother both in determining the Jewish status of the child and in seeing to it that he is brought up to lead a proper Jewish life.

What is the reason for lighting candles on Sabbath eve? Whose duty is it to light them?

Originally the obligation of kindling the Sabbath lights did not refer to special Sabbath lights, but simply to the duty of having the home brightly lit, so as to promote an atmosphere of Sabbath delight *(Sabbath 25b)*. Later on it became customary to have at least two special lights for the purpose and these were said to correspond to: "*Remember* the Sabbath day" *(Exodus 20, 8)* and "*Observe* the Sabbath day" *(Deuteronomy 5, 12)*. In some homes it is the custom to light a candle for each member of the family. As early as the time of the Mishna (second century C.E.) the kindling of the Sabbath lights was said to be the special duty of the mistress of the house *(Sabbath 2, 6)* probably because she was responsible for the running of the home. A later, mystical interpretation is that since Eve was responsible for quenching Adam's soul, the light of the world, her daughters atone for her by kindling the Sabbath lights.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

European Jewish writers come to the fore

Mirrors of the Jewish mind
by Lothar Kahn
Thomas Yoseloff

In recent years a great deal of critical writing has been devoted to the American Jewish novelist. Relatively little, however, has been done with respect to European writers who were also Jews. This lacuna has been observed by Lothar Kahn and his book is a successful attempt to fill that gap.

Dealing primarily with German and French authors, he explores the complex relationships which these people had with their respective homeland. German Jewish writers experienced special problems in this regard because of the Antisemitism which was almost endemic in Germany. Writers such as Otto Weininger, Karl Kraus and Rudolf Borchardt were driven to a paranoiac schizophrènia in their attempt to assert their Germaness while denying their Jewishness. Jakob Wasserman, another one of these self haters, experienced physical revulsion when he saw Eastern Jews. "What have I to do with them," he asked rhetorically, "I whose ancestors . . . have for six hundred years lived and worked in the heart of Germany?"

For many of these alienated and marginal Jews the path to assimilation was through the baptismal font. Yet often these at times pathetic creatures had rare insight into their own inner desires. Alfred Doblin who himself became a Catholic late in life had this to say about German Reform Judaism: "However many reform temples you build . . . your most beautiful temple would be the one in which one would announce to you, 'Beginning today, you are not Jews, you have never been Jews, all your birth registers have been blotted out . . . you are German, Swiss, Austrian. You may now leave.'"

Not all German Jewish authors were escapists. Max Brod, the distinguished Kafka scholar (who died in December 1968) was a thoroughly committed Jew who saw in Zionism a healthy solution to Jewish abnormality. Lion Feuchtwanger, although not a religious Jew in the traditional sense, breathed a religious spirit into his historical novels.

Most of the writers discussed in Mirrors Of The Jewish Mind have had intense struggles with Judaism and have found it wanting. Arthur Koestler's pet aversion was Orthodox Judaism. He could not tolerate the idea of a Gentile surrogate lighting the Sabbath fire, or the 'manoeuver of evasion' of selling crockery to one's neighbor for Pesach. He especially was repelled by the Talmudic dialectic and termed it a form of mental corruption. After a youthful sojourn on a kibbutz, Koestler wandered through several ideologies including the Communist variety. He feels that Jews either should go and settle in Israel or assimilate completely into their home culture.

In dealing with French Jewish writers, Kahn has been helpful in pointing out that the dichotomy which plagued the German Jew was not a problem for his French counterpart. Andre Maurois, for example, succeeded in representing himself uniquely as a French writer and he was so accepted by the French public. Even so committed a Jew as Edmond Fleg found himself far more comfortable with a French speaking monk (during a trip to Palestine in the thirties) than with his fellow Jews. This cannot be said, however, for Elie Wiesel who uses French to communicate the travail of the Jewish people, but who does not have any kind of chauvinistic attachment to French culture. Kahn certainly is correct in praising Wiesel's extraordinary ability to express the horror and poignancy of the holocaust. He, above all others, has served as an interpreter par excellence of the victims of Nazi savagery.

I found that one of the most interesting chapters in this book is the one dealing with the more recent writers. There he analyzes the contributions of Andre Schwartz-Bart, Roger Ikor, Albert Memmi, Isidore Isou and Jean Bloch-Michel, all of whom have showed a strong predilection for Zionism. There is one startling omission in this list. I would have thought that Francois Steiner, author of Treblinka, would have merited attention in this bilan. Aside from this minor lapse in judgment I find Mirrors Of The Jewish Mind one of the most important analytical works to come along in many a year.

Check list

teaching as a subversive activity
by Neil Postman &
Charles Weingartner.
Delacorte 218 pp.

In this age of rapidly expanding knowledge the authors express annoyance with traditional teaching material as well as techniques. They are devotees of Marshal McLuhan and lay great stress on the impact of proper methodology. There is much in this book that explains current student unrest.

United Nations peacekeeping 1946-1967. Documents and Commentary
By Rosalyn Higgins
Oxford University Press
674 pp.

An extremely important collection of documents which deals in this initial volume with Middle East peacekeeping. The commentary is generally judicious but even the expert in Middle East affairs will have problems trying to locate specific items of interest so massive is the documentation.

MOSHE DAYAN
A BIOGRAPHY.
By N. Lau-Lavie.
Hartmore House.

This is a very pedestrian treatment of Israel's famous war hero and sometime politician. With a few minor exceptions the book contains not a single fact or detail about Dayan which is not readily available in countless books, newspaper and magazine articles. Moreover, unlike sound biographical studies, the current study sees only greatness in Dayan. To read Lavie's account is to believe that Moshe Dayan never had an impure thought or that he never made a mistake either on the battlefield or in the political arena. Now I have nothing against either Dayan or Lavie but surely the author could have penetrated more deeply into the multi-faceted person that is Dayan. For example, Lavie refers briefly to Dayan's sojourn at the Hebrew University in 1958-59 to study political science. I happened to be a student there at the same time. But author Lavie skirts this episode to concentrate on Dayan's political career. Why? Could it be, as rumor had it at the time, that good old Moshe had flunked out?

The two minor exceptions referred to in the first part of this review merit mention. Lavie's book is the first I have seen that describes in any detail Dayan's acquaintance with Abdullah and the latter's apparent high regard for the former. Abdullah liked Moshe so much he tried to encourage the Israeli officer to improve his Arabic. Author Lavie makes one other rather interesting observation on the reprisal raid carried out by Israel on January 23, 1953. The little known event actually ended in the defeat of the Israeli unit at Falama and led to Dayan's reorganization of special reprisal units.

SEPHARDIS OF THE WEST

by GEOFFREY WIGODER

The term Sephardi is applied particularly to the descendants of Jews expelled from the Iberian Peninsula at the end of the 15th century (although it sometimes is loosely applied to Jews of Oriental communities whose ancestors never were anywhere near Spain). These Jews scattered in particular to Mediterranean lands, although a minority reached northwestern Europe and the American hemisphere where they constituted the pioneers and initial aristocracy of some sections of Western Jewry.

A survey by Nissim Elnekave of Sephardi Jews in Argentina contains a general introduction dealing with Sephardim generally. He writes that there are two views as to the nature of Sephardi culture. The first, which he says serves certain political interests, maintains that its constitutes a part of Spanish culture; this viewpoint has been diligently propounded in Spain and supported by a small group in North America. The second, and generally accepted, opinion is that Sephardi Jewish culture is an authentic and original form of Jewish culture expressing itself in Ladino, with linguistic roots in Spain.

LANGUAGE CHANGES

Turning to the question "Who is a Sephardi?" Elnekave again discerns two opinions. The first restricts it to those who have maintained the Ladino language. The second, which is now universally accepted, sees the language as only one element out of several (and not necessarily the most important), including significant influences from the Arab as well as the Iberian world. Elnekave adds that the Spanish influence is not even predominant in Sephardi culture and that even the language has been altered almost out of recognition.

The unsatisfactory nature of demographic information makes it impossible to give accurate numbers of Sephardim in the world. Elnekave estimates that 2 of the world's 13.5 million Jews are Sephardim. Over half of these are in Israel (whereas only something over a tenth of the world's Ashkenazim are in Israel). He estimates that there are America, some 90,000 in Argentina, 250,000 in France, 15,000 in England and some 250,000 in Africa and Asia, outside Israel. (This last figure at least seems to be high: 175,000 would now appear to be the maximum in these countries.)

ASSIMILATION

Turning to Argentina, he points out that 18 per cent of that country's Jews are Sephardim and that the vast majority of these are concentrated in Buenos Aires. Smaller communities numbering between 50 and 500 families exist in 16 other places throughout the country. Most of them are small and facing the threat of assimilation, especially through mixed marriages. Their main Jewish activity tends to be centered around the cemetery and the organization of High Holiday services. As Yiddish has become less of a factor among the Ashkenazim, cooperation between Ashkenazim and Sephardim in the smaller communities has grown.

Outside Buenos Aires there is not a single Sephardi rabbi. There is liable to be a plethora of congregations (one town with 200 Sephardi families has three congregations) but it is rare for any of them to have a minyan even on Sabbath. Elnekave cites a case from a small community where a marriage between an Ashkenazi boy and a Catholic girl was held in the Sephardi synagogue. The Ashkenazim refused to perform this intermarriage but the Sephardim had no such qualms. He criticizes the Sephardim in Buenos Aires for neglecting those in other parts of the country who face difficult challenges.

In Buenos Aires the 80,000 Sephardim have many organizations, characterized by fragmentation and the absence of a communal roof organization. There now are three main groupings, based on geographical origin. The smallest, emanating from Morocco, numbers 500 families. The first such settlers arrived in 1875 and their organization dates from 1891. Assimilatory tendencies that developed among them have been checked recently by the growth of Zionist influence in the leadership of this community.

'EXTREME' GROUP

The largest group, originating from other Arab lands, numbers 10,000 - 12,000 families. They have many institutions and are the most devoted to Jewish tradition and religion. In fact, Elnekave finds that they are in some regard extreme to an extent that precludes full cooperation with the other groups - especially concerning the youth, although lately there have been certain indications that their youth are finding more common ground with other Jewish youth. The positive aspect includes the observance of Jewish tradition and the high synagogue attendance even on weekdays. The two main subgroups are the Damascus community and the Aleppo community -- and between the two there is a great deal of rivalry.

The third group is Spanish speaking, and numbers 4,500 - 5,000 families. It consists of two major elements: one, largely of Turkish origin, is in poor economic circumstances; the other, which is far more prosperous, consists of Jews originating from Greece, Rhodes, Bulgaria, Italy and Yugoslavia. Originally broken up into small groups, they organized themselves in 1942. The original intention was that this should be extended into an overall Sephardi organization, and although attempts in this direction have not succeeded, they themselves enjoy an efficient setup. One sphere where they have not yet succeeded is education, but efforts now are being made to remedy the situation.

Active Zionist work was weak until recently. There was full sympathy at least in theory and donations to Israeli causes were generous, but it was rare to go beyond that and aliya was minimal. However, increasing contacts with the Ashkenazi sectors have given a boost to Zionist work among the Sephardim. Their halutzic youth movement Tehezakna numbers 300 members between the ages of 12 and 20, and other groups have begun to appear, although they also have encountered some opposition in the community. A Sephardi Zionist Movement, organized a couple of years ago, is the first pan-Sephardi group in the country.

In conclusion, Elnkave points out that the Buenos Aires Sephardim have five rabbis, six cemeteries, six schools catering for 2,500 pupils and about 20 synagogues (some of which are half-derelict). The Sephardim are basically a stable element on whom it should be possible to rely in the future. However there are problems to be faced. He mentions the exaggerated conservatism of the religious leadership which at times appears almost tyrannical; inadequate attention to education; lack of democracy in the community leadership which is largely in the hands of a number of individuals who cling to office to the frustration of the younger elements; the need for greater stress on the Zionist angle. A growing number of marriages in the community are between Ashkenazim and Sephardim (Elnekave estimates that 70 per cent of Sephardim who are married wed Ashkenazim) and this fact is itself a significant indication as to the future independent survival of the Sephardi congregations in Argentina.

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* Nehama Lifshitz, Soviet Jewish singer who has emigrated recently to Israel, told the Jerusalem city council: "On behalf of the thousands spread over the vast country (of the Soviet Union), I believe that they will come. They are stronger because of you. You give them strength to bear all their sufferings.

"The same faith that brought me here strengthens the people there day by day and straightens their backs."

* Shalom Ronly-Riklis, Israeli conductor, is in Singapore and coaching the Singapore National Orchestra for two special concerts to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the settlement of the island's national day. He also is training the Youth Symphony Orchestra.

* An exhibition of more than 600 photographs, books, manuscripts and posters depicting the life and work of Lion Feuchtwanger, German Jewish author who was born in Munich in 1884 and died in Los Angeles in 1958, opened in the Academy of Arts in Berlin last week.

* Donald Freed has written a play about the Rosenbergs, man and wife who were executed by the United States Government in 1953 for spying. It is called, The United States vs. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and is being produced on Broadway.

Though not a success, the play is moving because of its very subject matter.

Freed is a disciple of the "theater of fact," the German school of playwriting that believes that an editorially slanted documentary view of history is drama at its most profound and revealing. It is nonfiction drama, with such tactful fiction as there is obligingly supplied by the censorious scissors of the writer and by his carefully artistic selection and arrangements of the facts. A theater of the truth, but nothing like the whole truth.

Some people still think the Rosenbergs were innocent, that they were duped.

Stuart Levin and Elizabeth Lowry play the Rosenbergs.

* The village-shaped, four year-old Israel Museum in Jerusalem now has a new wing towering over the other pavilions. It houses the Museum library for books on art, past and present, and a shell-shaped auditorium.

* Beverley Sills is the newest operatic soprano on the horizon. The New York star finally has become internationally famous in Milan. Critics rave and say she is the first to follow Geraldine Farrar and Galli-Curci. Yet just a short time ago she was unknown except to her own group in the New York City Opera Company. Her meteoric rise came without the help of publicity agents; she reached fame through talent solely.

Born Belle Silverman, she is the daughter of Jewish Russian immigrants who settled in Brooklyn. She is married and the wife of a millionaire and well known journalist, Peter B. Grenough, a descendant of John Alden.

Beverley also is noted for her dramatic roles in which she excels.

She is astonished by her sudden fame. Today, when she receives $5,000 a performance, she remembers the years she wasn't invited to sing even at a Bar Mitzvah. "All of a sudden I've become the Beatles of Opera."

She is a red-haired beauty with a majestic carriage.

* Jewish theatergoers in Prague were delighted last month to see two films about the Maharal, Rabbi Judah Low ben Bezalel of Prague, the sixteenth century rabbi famous, among other things, for his creation of a golem.

A golem is defined in the Standard Jewish Encyclopedia as "an automaton; especially in human form, unnaturally created by magical means, more particularly by the use of Holy Names."

One film, written and directed by Jiri Brdecka, is called The Last Golem. It deals with one of the aspects of the legend of the Maharal's creation.

The second film is, Prague Decameron, directed by Jiri Plojhar. This recounts a number of tales about Prague, including one about the Maharal, but not in connection with his golem.

A horror story about a giant crematorium in Prague during the Nazi occupation, written by the non-Jewish writer, Ladislav Fuks, forms the basis of a third film of Jewish interest now on release in Czechoslovakia. It has been acclaimed by the critics.

* Pablo Casals will conduct sections of his Biblical oratorio, El Pessobre (The Manger), on Jerusalem's Mount Scopus, August 24th.

Sermon for the week

HUMAN VALUE

After the "sturm und drang" of the direful "Tochecha", the combination which takes up the major part of the Sidra of the week, the Book of Leviticus comes to its appointed end on a placid note. A persons vows a "valuation" of himself or someone else to God. A fixed amount has to be paid to the sanctuary, depending upon whether the person "valued" is male or female, old or young; but within these categories the amount was a fixed and invariable one.

The Talmud makes a sharp distinction between the "price" of a man and his "value". It is his "price" ("damim") which is determined by the market value, and if a man vows the "Damim" of someone, his physical condition, his earning capacity, his value in the economic sphere is taken into consideration. If, however, the vows is of his "value" ("Erekh") none of these considerations apply. "Even if he is suffering from a loathsome disease, and his market value is consequently nil, the "erekh" referred to in this passage still applies to him. We do not say, "Since he has no 'damim' he has no 'erekh'." (Rashi Hullin 2a).

In this distinction there is a profound and elevating thought. It brings to mind the telling definition of a cynic as one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. We are too prone to estimate the importance of a person by the role which he can play in the economic sphere, by the material benefit which he can bring to society. It is, for instance, the standing criterion of the immigration regulations of all countries, with the sole and glorious exception of modern Israel, which alone ignores the considerations of the potential earning capacity of those who seek to enter—and even in this respect voices have been lately heard expressing doubts as to its continued practicability. And the purpose of these laws is to emphasize that over and above a persons "price" there is his "value", the value of his immortal soul. ("A vow of souls to the Lord' is the literal translation). To God that value is constand and immutable, whether one be rich or poor, healthy or ailing, of social standing or not.

But that having been said, one must squarely face the fact that a distinction is made between the "erekh" of a man and that of a woman. That of a man is fifty "shekalim"; of a woman thirty. It appears to be foolish to deny that the Bible places a lower estimation on woman that it does on man, something which is common to all early society. Rather than make ingenious and unsatisfactory attempts to gloss this over and explain away undeniable facts, is it not better to point to the fact that Judaism is not static but dynamic, not hidebound but flexible and progressive, and that it is to the credit of Judaism that it has raised the status of women despite the initial incubus. The "Herem of Rabbenu Gershom, for instance, prohibiting polygamy and the divorce of a wife against her will," both permitted in the Bible, were notable, but by no means unique, steps in that direction. The whole trend of legislation in Israel, even Rabbinic, is in the direction of closing the gap and establishing the legal rights of women, and the process will continue until the doctrine of the equal "erekh", the value of all creatures before their Maker will be accepted as axiomatic.

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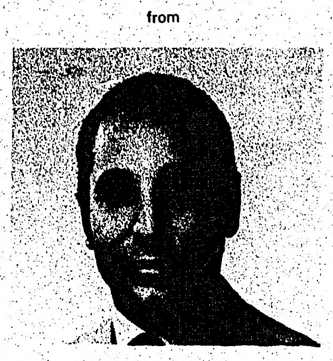

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OPEN MEET

Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women held a meeting last Monday evening at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Guest speaker was Dr. Leah Bronner from South Africa. She presented a film, Drama of Jerusalem.

OFFICERS

Recently installed officers of York Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women: Mrs. N. Wiseman, president; Mrs. H. Salutin, vice president; Mrs. B. Fluxgold, financial secretary; Mrs. S. Sacks, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Machtinger, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. Hunter, treasurer. Board members: Mesdames E. Frankel, N. Friedman, S. Fruitman, S. Kronis, W. Sluser.

The Chapter's next meeting will be held on May 12th. Panel of speakers consists of Danny Shields, Paul Forman, Sue Anne Kelman. Subject: Youthful Look at Judaism.

GENERAL MEET

The Hebrew Weston Charitable Services held a general meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Philip Bookspan. Mrs. Sidney Freeman, president, chaired the meeting.

An executive meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hy Halbert. Mrs. Harry Frisch, 1st vice president, presided.

Arrangements were finalized for the closing luncheon meeting to be held at the end of the month; annual tea in the fall.

TEA

Leah Kidron Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel, will hold its annual spring tea Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Robert. Proceeds in aid of children and youth in Israel.

DOCTOR SPOKE

Dr. Patricia White spoke on, Student Mental Health Services, at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, New Mount Sinai Hospital, on Wednesday afternoon, May 7th, at Beth Tzedec.

FASHION SHOW

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood held its annual fashion show and tea last Sunday afternoon.

DONATION

Rho Pi Phi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Ladies Auxiliary, Rokeah Chapter, donated $500 to the Israel Emergency Fund. The chapter recently has completed a $12,000 endowment to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for a pharmacology lab for the faculty of pharmacy which is under construction. One thousand dollars has been contributed toward its $5,000 student endowment plan at the university. An additional $500 will be given in June. President of the Auxiliary is Mrs. Harvey Dolman.

THEATER IN TORONTO — by Barbara I. Pearl

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: TRADITION PLUS

This time Fiddler on the Roof, in a triumphant return engagement at O'Keefe Centre, is as polished as a shiny, new apple. With Paul Lipson in the lead, there are no complaints.

How that man, in the role of Tevya, the dairyman, can talk to God! Is he happy? He tells God. Is he frustrated? He asks for Heavenly guidance. Does he want to stress a point? He quotes the Good Book. And to Tevya, it is all tradition.

It is tradition for the "Papa and Mama" to select a suitor for their daughter. But he is appalled when Tzeitel (Susan Lehman), the eldest of five daughters, rebels. For she is in love with Motel, the tailor (Peter Marklin), with whom she has pledged her troth. Well, reasons Tevya, on the one hand, this; on the other hand, that. Oh, to blazes with tradition.

It is tradition for a young man to ask the father of the girl for permission to marry her. But when Tevya is astonished because the student Perchik (Vergil Curry) informs, rather than asks, him that he (Perchik) will wed Hodel (Barbara Coggin), Tevya again reasons: see the gleam in Hodel's eyes. On the one hand . . . then, on the other hand -- there goes tradition.

But, when Fyedka (James Hobson), who is a non-Jew, declares his love for Chava who returns it -- there is no alternative; tradition overrules.

Throughout we are treated to the wit of Sholom Aleichem and Tevya's simple homilies.

"God, you should smite me with riches -- and may I never recover."

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Fiddler on the Roof, by now, has become an institution. And why not, since it is based on a story by the Yiddish Mark Twain?

A WEDDING at Kfar Ruppin, one of the Bet Shean settlements which has recently come under heavy fire from across the Jordan. A rabbi regularly tours settlements to conduct marriage services.

STRATEGY
by Ruthie

Remember the last time when I told you about the bet between Anne and me? I told her all I want from her is she should be good, respectful, keep her voice down, not whine, do as she's told, not nag, make her bed without the lump under the spread, not stay up late, dry and put away the dishes after they're washed, hang up her clothing and not leave them scattered on the floor, wipe around the sink in the bathroom after she scrubs her teeth -- that's all, really. So is that so much to expect from a girl? After awhile it's automatic.

Anyhow, you want she should say after she's married, "You never showed me how."? With their pussy-brains, they'll say it anyway. At least your conscience is clear.

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Nu, much to her annoyance, I'm sure, I extended the "statute of limitations". Instead of one week, I told her to keep it up through Mothers Day. It's this Sunday, in case your small fry need some subtle reminding. So how much longer is there to suffer?

Of course, I catch her walking around with a long face. She looks as though she's ready to explode.

But in front of me she forces a smile. Because that phrase, Mothers Day, hit a chord way down deep. Also, since I know she's shy money -- she keeps borrowing all the time -- I guess being nice is the lesser of two evils. At least it doesn't cost anything unless you want to figure health because it's foreign to a teenager's nature to be more or less pleasant.

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So like a general I'm doling out commands. Now Freddie has to dig out every dandelion, front and back. Oi, you should see how they're blooming already! It's stinkweed time again.

The spray helft vie fahr ah toitn bonkess (helps like for a dead man healing cups). The wind blows it all over but where it should go.

And Heather is allergic to everything sprouting from the ground in the spring. So you can imagine what's going on here.

But that one reminder, Mothers Day, gets them. So there's no comeback. Freddie doesn't retort, "I gotta study. Exams." I guess he figures he'd rather hold onto his cash no matter how it hurts. He studies anyway.

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I'm telling you, the house is so nice to live in these days. Kupp (head), that's what it is. I stay awake nights (can't sleep anyhow) thinking up how I could prolong the deal.

I'm even starting to look for ideas from the Good Book. That's what impresses them most. They don't ever want to feel guilty about anything, God forbid.

So, so far I'm a step ahead.

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As for Ned -- how can I needle him? He's away all day, besides. And there are so many diversions in the evening.

Come to think of it, we haven't had a free for all in a long time. They say you shouldn't bottle up your frustrations.

Nu, who's frustrated here? Everybody's so busy, there's no time for such luxury.

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In fact, I gave my husband the surprise of his life. I told him not to get me anything too expensive for Mothers Day. Did he open a pair of eyes! He examined his ears to see if there was wax because maybe he didn't hear right.

So I repeated -- I didn't want him to spend a lot of money this time.

The only thing I want is: a two-week rest at a health farm.

He fell for that right away until I told him which one -- Helena Rubenstein's.

Did he flip! "What!! Eight-hundred bucks a week! Who d'you think I am?"

Sweetly and simply I answered, "My husband. Look," I tried to explain, "it's really a bargain. It's not like I'd ask for a diamond, a fur piece, or, or, well, you know. This is medicine, a tonic. I'll come home looking like a million and my disposition will be so sweet. You'll profit."

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Nu, after twenty years my spouse still can't figure out a woman's thinking. But don't you think I'm right, girls?

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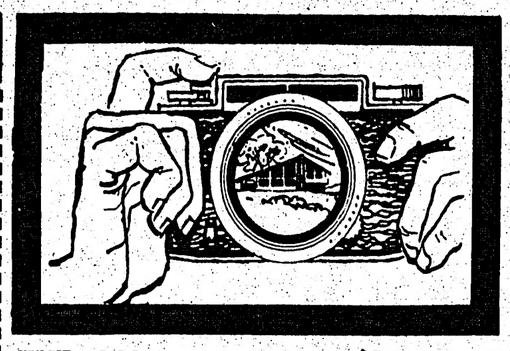

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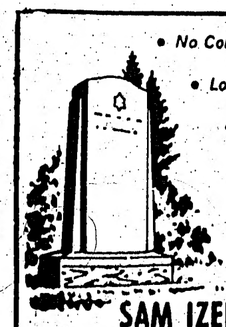

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"Hey, I really dig this show! It's groovy!" These were the remarks made by one of the Royal Alexandra's twenty ushers to producer Robert Johnston after a performance of Spring Thaw '69, wowing audiences at the theater these days. Yes, the younger generation digs Spring Thaw '69.

They're for freedom of the Adam and Eve nude scene (Robin Ward and Pat Galloway in the buff); they sense the sound of musical numbers like Rules of the Road; they identify with solos sung by Doug Crosley and Judy Lander; they consider the production number of Ian and Sylvia's National Hotel the high point of the show; Tom Kneebone's gag lines about smoking "j" (pot) really gets them.

TWO PLAYS

Montor Productions is presenting Enchanted Night

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DOUG CHAMBERLAIN in "If I Would I Could", the new musical revue at Toronto's Theatre-in-the-Dell. Others in the cast are Jack Duffy and Marylyn Stuart. Show is directed by Bill Glenn and produced by Ted Warburton.

"The Jolly Pauper" in demand

The Jolly Pauper, based on Gershonson's Hershele Ostropolier, is so much in demand in Montreal that, right after its run this coming weekend in Toronto, producer Chaim Avron takes the musical comedy back to La Belle Province.

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by Polish playwright Slozimiy Mrozek, and The Criminals by Spanish writer Jose Triana, a Cuban, through May 17th, at Central Library Theater.

Enchanted Night is a comedy; The Criminals is an emotional and bizarre psychodrama written by Jose Triana.

Opening night last Tuesday was a benefit for the Givatayim Chapter of Canadian Women's ORT.

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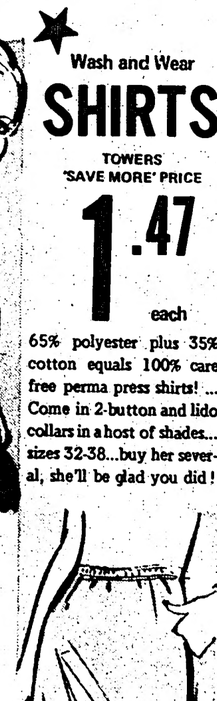

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